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NATIONAL POLICY ON TELEMEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a "National Policy on Telemedicine";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Task Force has been constituted on telemedicine;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the latest progress report regarding the action plan to establish this system;

(f) whether chronic and complex diseases are likely to be cured from this system;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the modus operandi for making medicines available for treatment under this system?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The question does not arise.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Ministry had constituted a National Task Force for Telemedicine under chairmanship of Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) to examine the possibilities and areas for application of Telemedicine in the country.

(e): During the 11th Five Year Plan an amount of Rs.183 crore has been allocated for Telemedicine.

(f)&(g): The states have prepared proposals for Tele-consultation and tele-diagnoses. The treatment is based on the tele consultation by relevant experts.

(h): There is no system of making available the medicines. The prescription is based on the advice of the specialist following tele-consultation and the follow up and supervision is done by the local doctor.